

## Safety Advisory Committee

May 4, 2012  
1:30 – 3:00 PM

### Minutes

Committee Member	Representing	Present
Anderson, Erik	Materials Sciences Division	X
Bello, Madelyn	Human Resources Advisor	
Blodgett, Paul M.	Environment, Health and Safety Division	X
Cademartori, Helen	Information Technology Division	
Carithers, William	Physics Division	X
Christensen, John N.	Earth Sciences Division	X
Floyd, Jim	Safety Advisory Committee Chair	X
Franaszek, Stephen	Genomics Division	X
Fujikawa, Brian	Nuclear Science Division	X
Giuntoli, Patricia	NERSC ( <i>via teleconference</i> )	X
Lukens Jr., Wayne W.	Chemical Sciences Division	X
Lunden, Melissa	Environmental Energy Technologies Division	
Martin, Michael C.	Advanced Light Source Division	X
More, Anil V.	Office of the CFO Advisor	
Seidl, Peter	Accelerator & Fusion Research Division	X
Taylor, Scott E.	Life Sciences Division	
Tucker, Eugene	Facilities Division	X
<i>Edith Perry</i> for Thomas, Patricia M.	Safety Advisory Committee Secretary	X
Wong, Weyland	Engineering Division	X

**Others Present:** Michelle Flynn, Julie Henderson, Michael Kritscher, Joe Dionne, Peter Lichty, Andrew Peterson, Michael Ruggieri, Andreas Schmid, Mark Scott, Bill Wells, Marty White, Araceli Andrews, Jack Salazar, Julie Henderson, Mike Wisherop

#### Chairman's Comments – Jim Floyd

- **DSC Chair Appointment** - Ann Tomaselli appointed as new chair for Division Safety Coordinators' committee, which is a subcommittee of the SAC. Thank you to Weyland Wong for his dedicated service as the previous chair.
- **Life Sciences SAC Rep** - Helen Cademartori moving over to Life Sciences Division and will be leaving SAC. Scott Taylor will continue as the Life Sciences representative.
- **NERSC Rep** - Patricia Giuntoli of NERSC replacing Howard Walter who is retiring. Thank you Howard for your service as a representative of the Safety Advisory committee.

### **Chairman's Comments – Jim Floyd (cont.)**

- **Conference Phone Technology** - Patricia Giuntoli joined the meeting via telephone conference call. Considering making this option available for future meetings for members who cannot make the meeting in person.
- **OCA Staff changes** – Scott Robinson has taken a position in the EH&S Division. Melanie Gravois has taken over working with the Safety Advisory Committee on the peer review process. Melanie will be the point of contact for the Life Sciences Division peer review.
- **Medical Surveillance** – As follow-up to a report given at the April meeting, Jim reported that two separate subcommittees were formed to look at Nano and Animal care respectively. Let Scott Taylor know if your division is interested in participating.
- Paul Alivisatos approved the Top 3 areas of risk that should be explored; Customer Service/Risk Management/Communication. Thank you to Richard DeBusk for his efforts.
- The Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Committee is planning a Road Safety Day on June 27, 2012 which is designed to be an outreach effort to improve safety awareness for staff and guests who navigate Berkeley Lab's roadways. The committee is requesting that Paul Alivisatos do a short video in support of the effort and the Safety Advisory Committee will lend its support.

**NOTE:** At today's meeting, Richard DeBusk requested that the Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Committee be formally designated as a subcommittee of the Safety Advisory Committee.

**EHS Division Customer Service Survey** – Joe Dionne presented an overview of the results. Karen Ramorino is going to help run focus groups to help EH&S learn from its customers and EHS Professionals on how to improve collaboration, communication and creativity in delivering service, managing risk, identifying mentoring EHS Division require, and what resources and tools do EHS staff need. Focus groups will report progress at future SAC meetings. Rebecca Rishell stated that she is interested in finding out how the process for selecting staff to participate in the focus group will be managed. **Action:** Joe Dionne and Rebecca Rishell will work together on the selection process. **Action:** Jim Floyd requested that the survey data be made available publically.

Joe's full presentation is available for review, but following is a summary of the results: 90% of EH&S staff are courteous and professional. 83% of EH&S SMEs are knowledgeable in their field of expertise. 75% of guidance that EH&S

provides is reliable. Opportunities for improvement, 33% percent of the time EH&S staff do not offer effective options to resolve issues; 27% of the time EH&S staff do not respond to inquiries within a day; 26% are not satisfied with the time it takes EH&S to resolve an issue; 25% responded that EH&S staff does not adequately explain their guidance. Joe will present the survey results at the May Division Safety Coordinators' meeting.

**New Liaison Model** – Joe Dionne presented an overview of the new ALD Liaison client service model which better aligns with LBNL's ALD model and improves EHSD's knowledge about its client's business / priorities. Next steps will be to finalize liaison and client support team assignments, and roll out the new model to division management. The new model doesn't prevent a customer from seeking assistance directly from a liaison whom they know are familiar with their needs but it is advised that the lead is always kept in the loop. Ross Fisher is still the point-of-contact for accident/injury investigation reports, except for the Engineering Division where Mike Wisherop is the point-of-contact. In the new model, liaisons will be in the field more and are being encouraged to have more "face time" with customers.

**EEIP** – Mark Scott presented an overview of improvements being implemented to the program which includes a more focused and managed process. Patrick Bong of the Engineering Division has been assigned as the EEIP manager and more inspectors have been trained (EHS 383). The program now has a scheduler and inspections will be driven by risk. It was noted that language needs to be nailed down as to whether or not equipment is allowed to be operated before it is inspected and whether or not equipment that has been failed, but is still operational can be used. It was also noted since the EEIP only inspects equipment once every 2 years, divisions are supposed to be inspecting their own equipment for things like frayed cords and general wear and tear. Steve Franaszek stated that the JGI conducts quarterly walkthroughs to inspect equipment for general wear and tear.

**Area PPE** – Mike Wisherop. As follow-up to discussion at the April meeting, Mike Wisherop gave an overview of the communication plans for changes to the Area PPE requirements which will include engaging Division Safety Coordinators at their May meeting, meeting with division safety committees during May/June, and hosting brown bags in June. The new policy is expected to be signed in June with a follow-up TABL Article being published in June. Mike noted that divisions will not be forced to go to the new area PPE model. Divisions can remain with the Task based PPE model.

**Cryogen PPE** – Joe Dionne presented proposed language changes to the current PPE requirements for Cryogen Use. In some situations, gloves may be more of a hindrance than a help. Andreas Schmidt shared an example of an incident where a person was burned because the cryogen material fell inside the worker's glove and was trapped. Next steps include sharing the proposed language at the division Safety Coordinators' May meeting; publish in PUB 3000 and the requirements management program; change EHS170 cryogen safety program to reflect the new PPE requirements; inform EHSD Liaisons and EHSD SMEs of the change to the cryogen chapter; inform division safety committees and Publish an article in TABL.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM

Respectfully submitted, *Edith Perry* for Patricia M. Thomas, SAC Secretary